

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This Supplemental Examiner's Amendment is given to fix an issue associated with claims 15-20, wherein the original claimed subject matter could be broadly interpreted as software system.

Authorization for the examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Elaine Chi, reg. no. 61194, on January 23, 2009.

2. In the claims: please amend claims 15- 20 to the following:

15. (Currently Amended) A computer system for automatically assigning electronic addresses to users, comprising:

an address generation execution unit ~~system~~ for generating a first electronic address for a user according to a first one of a sequence of address generation scripts, the first one of the address generation scripts being first in order of preference by an organization to which the user belongs, each address generation script including a unique template that defines a structure for an electronic address;

a validity execution unit ~~system~~ for automatically determining whether the first electronic address is valid, wherein the first electronic address is valid if the first electronic address is unique and complies with a predetermined addressing standard; and

an assignment execution unit ~~system~~ for automatically assigning the first electronic address to the user if the first electronic address is valid, wherein a second electronic address is generated by the address generation execution unit ~~system~~ according to a next one of the sequence

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of address generation scripts if the first electronic address is not valid, the next one of the address generation scripts being next in order of preference by the organization to which the user belongs, and wherein if the second electronic address is not valid, an administrator is allowed to enable a process to automatically append at least one numeric digit to the script-generated electronic address that does not comply with the predetermined addressing standard, wherein appending the at least one numeric digit creates the valid electronic address,

wherein the validation of the electronic address is performed with an address generation execution unit ~~system~~ without testing the uniqueness in the network environment.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 15, wherein the first and second electronic addresses are electronic mailing addresses.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 15, wherein the first electronic address is generated according to user data corresponding to the user and the first one of the sequence of address generation scripts.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 15, wherein the validity execution unit ~~system~~ comprises:

a uniqueness detector for comparing the first electronic address to a set of previously created electronic addresses to determine if the first address is unique; and

a compliance detector for comparing the first electronic address to the predetermined addressing standard to determine if the first electronic address is compliant.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the set of previously created electronic addresses are stored in a repository with user data corresponding to the user.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the set of previously created electronic addresses are stored in an electronic address repository.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Tai Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-3969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00) .

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